

**CITY COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA
PRE-COUNCIL
December 16, 2013 – 5:00 pm**

A presentation in honor of the late Rebecca Newman, a member of the Armstrong-Osborne Public Library Board, was made with a ribbon cutting of a bench planned for the front foyer of the Library. Ms. Newman's family was in attendance for the dedication.

Public Hearing on the rezoning of 3 parcels on Louallen Lane as MHA (Ordinance #1764). Property Owner, Lisa Louallen, was present and made her request for rezoning of her parcel and two parcels owned by family members.

Public Hearing on the rezoning of parcel at 110 South Street East to C-3 Commercial (Ordinance #1765). City Clerk Cheeks stated that because of a discrepancy between the tax map and the zoning map that was not noticed earlier regarding property lines, the property did not qualify to be zoned as C-3 Commercial. The property owner was not present to comment. The application for rezoning of this property will go back to the Planning Commission.

Ken Brewer, Director of the Miss Talladega County Pageant came before the Council to offer his appreciation for the City's support to the Pageant program. Mr. Brewer made mention that their organization was honored by the Alabama Pageant for having the largest scholarships offered as well as various other awards received. Also present was Elizabeth Wesson, Miss Talladega County and Brooklyn Holt, Miss Talladega County Teen, to thank the City for their support of the Miss Talladega County Pageant program.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
December 16, 2013 – 5:30 pm**

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 16, 2013 at 5:30 p.m., at the Armstrong-Osborne Public Library. The meeting was called to order and the following were present: Council President Patterson, Councilman Joe Ballow, Councilman Rick Simpson, Councilman Donnie Miller, Councilman Jarvis Elston, Mayor Larry Barton and City Manager Brian Muenger.

Invocation by W.E. Hearn Sr., Pastor of Cole Temple Church of God.

Motion by Councilman Elston with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve invoices and expenditures. AYES: All.

Total Invoices & Expenditures for 12/01/2013 to 12/13/2013 for FY2013-2014	\$ 604,674.34
General Operating Account	478,300.07
Senior Nutrition	822.68
Municipal Court	5,402.69
Cash Bonds	1,785.00
Corrections	37,842.98
Capital Improvement Fund	80,520.92

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Simpson for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of December 5, 2013. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Simpson to approve the reappointment of Nancy Rue and Jean McMillan to the Talladega Heritage Commission. AYES: All.

The proposed operation hours for the Spring Street Recreation Center are as follows: Wednesdays from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow to adopt the new Spring Street Recreation operating hours. AYES: All.

Presented for Council consideration was a proposal for revised sports registration fees. Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second from Councilman Ballow to adopt the proposed sports registration fees as presented. AYES: All.

An update on the AFG application was presented to the Council. The application for Assistance to Firefighters Grant was approved by the Council in November and will provide 20 new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA's) and a new SCBA filling station. The new SCBA units would be utilized

to replace outdated units and if funded would prevent the City from incurring the cost for their replacement. The project budget totals \$149,000.00 and if awarded the City would provide matching funds in the amount of \$7,450.00.

Presented to the Council was the notification of the City's certification as a drug-free workplace by the Alabama Department of Labor. Although the City had previously implemented a drug free workplace policy and testing program in 2005, as well as established an employee assistance program, it was necessary for additional training to occur in order to receive this designation. This designation gives the city a 5% workers' compensation discount and will amount to an annual savings of \$12,350.00 based on the current rate.

Discussed during the Council meeting of December 5th were the various options relating to additional compensation to express appreciation to the employees for their contributions. City Manager Muenger proposed that the Council rescind Resolution #2890 and have the City pay the entire 5% insurance premium increase for 2014 instead of having the employee pay 2.5% of the increase (proposed Resolution #3040).

Ordinance #1763 designating Scenic Drive, Lookout Lane, and Adams Ridge Lane of Belleview Subdivision as public roadways maintained by the City.

Motion by Councilman Ballow with a second by Councilman Patterson for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1763. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson and Councilman Ballow. ABSTAIN: Councilman Elston, Councilman Miller, and Councilman Simpson.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second by Councilman Ballow for reading of the heading only for Ordinance #1763. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Ballow, and Councilman Simpson. ABSTAIN: Councilman Miller and Councilman Elston.

AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE THREE ROADWAYS IN THE BELLEVIEW SUBDIVISION (SCENIC DRIVE, ADAMS RIDGE LANE, AND LOOKOUT LANE) AS PUBLIC ROADWAYS TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE CITY OF TALLADEGA.

Motion by Councilman Simpson with a second by Councilman Ballow for the adoption of Ordinance #1763. AYES: Council President Patterson and Councilman Ballow. ABSTAIN: Councilman Simpson, Councilman Miller, and Councilman Elston. *Did not pass due to three (3) Abstains.*

Ordinance #1764 approving the rezoning of three parcels on Louallen Lane as MHA.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Elston for immediate consideration of Ordinance #1764. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow for reading of the heading only of Ordinance #1764. Roll Call. AYES: All.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1120, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, SAID ORDINANCE, AND THE AMENDMENTS RELATED THERETO, BEING ENTITLED "TALLADEGA, ALABAMA, ZONING ORDINANCE", AS FOLLOWS, AND IN NO OTHER PARTICULARS.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Elston for adoption of Ordinance #1764. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Ordinance #1765 approving the rezoning of 110 South Street East as C-3 General Commercial. *Due to discrepancies in the zoning and tax maps, the property at this time, could not be rezoned. Application is to be returned to the Planning Commission.*

Resolution #3037 granting a tax abatement to Weaver & Sons Inc. at 1200 Ward Avenue for a period of ten (10) years.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolution #3037. Roll Call. AYES: Council President Patterson, Councilman Ballow, Councilman Miller, and Councilman Elston. ABSTAIN: Councilman Simpson.

Resolution #3038 accepting \$175,000 from the Talladega County Commission two cent rural sales tax for water line extension for the Civilian Marksmanship Program facility.

Resolution #3039 approving the moving of the Talladega Police Department's Felony Tip Fund and Police Benevolent Account to the First National Bank of Talladega.

Resolution #3040 rescinding Resolution #2890 and approving the 5% increase in health insurance premiums be paid completely by the City with no increase in the employees' share.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second from Councilman Ballow to approve Resolutions #3038 to #3040. Roll Call. AYES: All.

Motion by Councilman Miller with a second by Councilman Ballow to approve the invoices and expenditures for the Water Department. AYES: All.

Water Department Expenditures for 12/04/13 to 12/12/13 for FY2013-2014	\$ 623,086.40
Operations & Maintenance	194,404.59
Revenue	399,331.81
N Talladega Co Water	29,350.00

In other business, Councilman Patterson's term as City Council President will end with the second meeting in January 2014. As President Pro-tem, Councilman Miller will assume the position as City Council President at the February 3, 2014 meeting. At that point a new President Pro-Tem will need to be nominated.

The January and February 2014 Council meetings are scheduled for Thursday, January 9 and Thursday, January 23 and Monday, February 3 and Thursday, February 20.

Motion by Councilman Miller to adjourn the meeting.

AUTHENTICATION

I, Elizabeth Cheeks, City Clerk of the City of Talladega, Alabama, do hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the City Council of Talladega, Alabama, which met in a regular session on Monday, December 16, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at the Armstrong-Osborne Public Library in the City of Talladega, Alabama.